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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

ATTENTION: []

SUBJECT: OSA Comments on the JIIRG Report

1. This office has reviewed the report of the Joint Imagery Interpretation Review Group from the standpoint of its effect on OSA activities. With one exception, as noted below, the report deals exclusively with imagery exploitation which, in itself, is beyond the purview of OSA responsibility. Consequently, we would be reluctant to challenge or even critique the findings of the Review Group.

2. The exception referred to relates to overseas processing and utilization of []. TACKLE missions currently are being processed by [] with first-phase exploitation in most instances performed by the []. This arrangement has proven to be eminently satisfactory from the standpoint of our relations with and commitments to []. We trust that whatever agreements may result from on-going discussions of the report no covenant will be entered into which would preclude our continued use of [] facility with its attendant political and operational advantages.

3. Annex C-4 of the report quotes from a report of the "Ad Hoc Committee on Overseas Processing and Reporting" as follows:

"(Recommend) That the NRO give consideration to readjustment in the present arrangements for processing of Far Eastern reconnaissance missions looking toward the utilization of [] whenever this is advantageous, and that at the institution of any new program the use of [] be given prime consideration".

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The qualifying phrases "whenever this is advantageous" and "be given prime consideration" make the recommendation acceptable to us in that it does not thereby exclude [REDACTED] facility from further participation.

4. The OSA copy of the report and associated papers, attached hereto, are being returned for your disposition.

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Director of Special Activities

Attachments:

Working Draft (Uncontrolled) 1 Aug 66
DCI Directive JCS 4183/66 (TS)
Rpt of JIIRG (TS) TCS 4182/66
Annex C-4
JIIRG Appendix M (TS) TCS 4196/66

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